

### DUKES CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to congratulate The Rev. and Mrs. Morgan Dukes of Summerville, S.C. who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. During the past 50 years, Morgan and Marie Dukes have lived throughout South Carolina and in Washington, D.C. After Morgan graduated from the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, the couple moved to Bath, S.C. where Morgan led the congregation at First Baptist Church. He served as Director of Religious Activities at Furman University from 1958-1965 and then as pastor of First Baptist Church in Walhalla.

In 1970, Morgan and Marie moved to Washington, D.C., where Morgan was pastor of Brookland Baptist Church and later joined the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. For 15 years Marie worked as a secretary in the office of the Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park. They returned to South Carolina in 1990 to assist homeless men at the Star Gospel Mission in Charleston, a position from which Morgan retired in 1997. Marie worked for 10 years as a realtor in Summerville.

The Dukes have accomplished a great deal in their 50 years of marriage and have enriched many communities in South Carolina and here in our nation's capital. Peatsy and I join with their friends and family, including their children Vicki, Betty Ann and David and granddaughter, Lauren, in celebrating this important milestone in their life together.●

### SALUTING LOUISIANA'S COLLEGE ATHLETES

• Mr. BREAUX. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the baseball teams at Louisiana State University, LSU, and the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, ULL, the LSU women's track team and all Louisiana student-athletes.

If there is one thing Louisianians take as seriously as our politics and cooking, it is our athletics. In fact, Louisiana has an excellent tradition when it comes to producing great athletes. This is easily demonstrated in the number of athletes from Louisiana who have played or currently play professional sports.

Sports teaches us the importance of teamwork, goal-setting and determination. It also teaches us to never give up, even when faced with seemingly insurmountable odds.

No one has to tell the University of Louisiana-Lafayette's baseball team about perseverance and defying the odds. They had to defeat the nation's number one ranked team twice in one day to get to the College World Series. But once there, they defied expecta-

tions by posting a respectable two wins and two losses, and etched the mascot "Ragin' Cajuns" into the vocabulary of every college baseball fan.

Teams at LSU have also applied the lessons taught in athletics, as well as Yogi Berra's oft-repeated truism "it ain't over till it's over," to become one of the finest athletic programs in the country.

The LSU baseball team, after starting the season 6-0, struggled to a 6-5 record in their first 11 games. But, with the help of tremendous senior leadership, self-confidence and the will to win, LSU finished strong by ending the season with an outstanding 52-17 record and their fifth national championship in nine years.

And the LSU women's track team is no stranger to dramatic finishes, either. Down 46 points on the final day of competition, they scored just enough points on a winning performance in the final event to win their 12th NCAA outdoor championship in 14 years.

In all, LSU had one of its finest athletic years ever during the 1999-2000 season. Outside of these two national titles, a total of 11 teams finished in the nation's top 10 in their respective sports.

This year's two national championships gives LSU a total of 35 national championships, the most of any school in the Southeastern Conference. And of the 20 sports LSU sponsors on the varsity level, 14 finished the year in the nation's top 25 and participated in NCAA championship events.

I salute the student-athletes who have helped make Louisiana one of the finest states for collegiate athletics in the country. And I especially congratulate the LSU baseball and women's track teams who have proved once again it isn't how you start the game that matters, but how you finish. It is this value that will transcend the playing field to make Louisiana's student-athletes champions in the biggest game of all—the game of life.●

### TRIBUTE TO ALICE M. MCCUE

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I am delighted to rise today to pay tribute to a well-respected and remarkable public servant, Ms. Alice M. McCue, who has worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Hartford since 1945. On June 25th, the Department of Veterans Affairs will recognize her 55 years of service to our nation's veterans, and I want to take a few moments to discuss Alice McCue's remarkable career.

Alice started working for the VA following her graduation from high school at Mt. St. Joseph Academy in Hartford. She began in 1945 as a typist in the Communications and Records Section, and moved to the Administrative Division in 1949. Between 1950 and 1978, Alice held a number of different posi-

tions, including several years as a clerk in the office of the Chief Attorney. Since that time, Alice has been a Veterans Claims Examiner.

Alice has been a constant force since her first days of employment. Her hard work and dedication to the veterans of Connecticut have earned her a number of awards and special accommodations. Alice received five Special Contribution Awards over the past several years, as well as a Time-Off Award in 1995, the same year in which she was the recipient of a Superior Performance Award.

Over the years, Alice was involved in a plethora of activities at the VA's Hartford office and became an integral component of every project in which she was engaged. In the State Income Verification Match Project, she handled several hundred cases. She also worked on the Social Security Unverified Match Project, the Committee on Waivers and Compromises, and as an Equal Employment Opportunity counselor and Third Party Inquiry Coordinator for the Social Security Administration.

Alice's influence at the VA is perhaps most truly reflected by her colleagues' words of praise. They describe her as a dependable, hard-working, and professional employee and friend. She not only treats every case as if it was her own, but she also takes the time to assist other adjudicators with their cases. When it comes to training and teaching less-experienced employees, Alice is an indispensable asset, and many in the Hartford office have benefited from her guidance. Her supervisors further cite her willingness to handle the most complex cases as well as her amicable air and trustworthiness which have long bolstered office morale and increased the sense of community among the employees.

On June 26, 2000, the Hartford regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs will hold a luncheon in honor of Alice, who will receive the Secretary's Service Award at that time. Today, it is my pleasure to join the Department of Veterans Affairs and the countless veterans and their families that Alice McCue has helped over the years, in thanking her for her exemplary service and commitment.●

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:51 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2815. An act to present a congressional gold medal to astronauts Neil A. Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins, the crew of Apollo 11.

H.R. 2938. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 South Michigan Street in South Bend,